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# Fend off phylloxera

**WINE** Australia and Vinehealth Australia are encouraging grape growers who are considering planting or replanting grapevines to use phylloxera-resistant rootstocks for at least a portion of their vineyard to future-proof their business. Grape phylloxera (*Daktulshaira vitifoliae*) is a tiny insect pest that destroys grapevines by feeding on their roots.

■ AN updated version of the Australian Handbook for the Identification of Fruit Flies has been released. The new handbook will make it easier to identify the thousands of tephritidae fruit flies affecting Australian crops much easier. For a copy, go online [fruitflyidentification.org.au](http://fruitflyidentification.org.au)

■ THE Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association will mark 70 years with an anniversary dinner on August 17 at Country



Club Tasmania, Launceston. Tickets are now on sale. Book online at [launcestontickets.com.au/event/7200](http://launcestontickets.com.au/event/7200)

■ SIMPLOT'S annual potato and vegetable awards evening will be held at Ulverstone, Tasmania on July 26. The event is open to Simplot growers, contractors and industry, at \$30 a person. Places are limited so RSVP to Lucille Walker on (03) 6429 6045 or Shelley-Jane Pearce, (03) 6429 6106 by June 30.

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